

ROUNDABOUT

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Dangerous Intersection Could Get Route 14 Blinkers

DPW Director Walter Tonaszuck and members of the town's Highway Safety Committee said this week they are hopeful that overhead blinking lights now at the Route 14 / Exit 11 intersection could be relocated to the Lincoln/ Temple Street crossover in conjunction with the state roundabout project.

The Lincoln/Temple Street intersection in northwest Duxbury was the scene of a recent traffic fatality two weeks ago and neighbors and others have called for safety improvements to the dark roadway area which has been the site of many

accidents throughout the years.

Tonaszuck said this week that the town will own the existing overhead blinking lights when the state DPW builds its new roundabout traffic circle beginning this spring near the intersection of Route 14 (Congress) and Lincoln Street.

"We will have to meet the state criteria necessary to install the lights providing traffic counts, accident data and other information but we're hopeful we can do this," he said.

Boston Fire Lt. Robert Greene of Marshfield was killed Feb. 24 when a Ford Explorer driven by Ethan Mor-

gan, 17, of King Phillips Path failed to stop at a Temple Street stop sign.

Morgan faces charges including motor vehicle homicide while driving under the influence.

Highway Safety Committee Chairman Joe Shea said this week the lights would be ideal for the intersection if all works out.

He said the flashing yellow and red light would help solve the problem, warning drivers to slow down.

Tonaszuck said a street light will also be added to the dark intersection area.